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a little while ago. I can't find it.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I have searched the statutes, also, and it seems peculiar that we would say that you would have to have a reflector on, day or night, and that every bicycle sold has to have a reflector on but that they don't have to have brakes and get up here and say that we are protecting the safety, health and welfare of the children. I think we are trying to sell reflectors but that is just a shot in the dark as to what this bill is about. I think that the Committee amendment is about as reasonable as you can be about this. There is certainly no reason to have reflectors or to make it a crime not to have a reflector on a bike driven in the daytime. The reflector serves no safety purpose then and to require every bicycle to be sold with one doesn't make any sense either. I think the vast majority of bicycles are ridden during the day. Very few people ride them at night, and if they do, probably, they should, for their own safety, have a reflector but I don't know about making it a crime. It doesn't make much sense and to say that we are interested in safety when we don't require brakes on a bicycle just I think doesn't wash. So I think we ought to keep the Committee amendments, if at all, I agree with Senator Barnett, or else kill the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had considerable input in the repeal of this section of the law. I think what we will find is that each local community has its own ordinances in regard to bicycles. I would presume that there are different requirements as to the size of the town and the circumstances and I believe we have bike inspections in some towns. They have licensing in some towns and they require certain things. Let's leave it up to local control and keep our noses out of it and let them take care of it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am sure that our choir leader would agree with what I am going to say, is that his danger is that as he pedals his bicycle around the city of Lincoln, is the overtaking accident. That is what would knock him off of the bicycle and cause injury. It appears to me that the reflectors and the tires just give a good target so that the driver can tell real well what it is that he is just about to hit. These serious bicycle accidents are those where the bicycles are coming out of driveways in front of an automobile or a truck or intersection accidents where the bicycles come in front of the automobile at a 90° angle with no warning whatsoever to the driver or the bicycle rider. It is just bump. The reflectors will perform only one purpose and that is to be sure that the driver will know that he hit a bicycle.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.